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TAGS: ENRG, CA

SUBJECT: NEW BC ENERGY MINISTER AIRES VIEWS

1. JACK DAVIS, FORMER FEDERAL LIBERAL CABINET MINISTER NOW SOCIAL CREDIT MLA AND B.C. ENERGY MINISTER, OUTLINED HIS VIEWS ON ENERGY MATTERS IN RECENT INTERVIEW. POLICIES HAVE NOT BEEN CLEARED BY PREMIER OR CABINET BUT SIMPLY REFLECT DAVIS' PERSONAL VIEW OF THE SITUATION.

2. IN MATTER OF PRIMARY INTEREST TO U.S. DAVIS SAID B.C. WOULD CONTINUE TO SEEK HIGHER PRICE FOR NATURAL GAS EXPORTS TO U.S. LATER THIS YEAR BUT WOULD NOT SAY WHAT INCREASE WOULD BE. HE EXPECTED HOWEVER NEW PRICE TO BE IN THE AREA OF TWO DOLLARS. HE SAID B C MUST GET AS MINIMUM TRUE MARKET VALUE AND AS MAXIMUM, REPLACEMENT COST OF GAS 20 OR 30 YEARS FROM NOW.

3. ON COAL DAVIS SAID FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD BE WELCOME TO DO COAL SURVEY WORK IN B C AND NO DOUBT OTTAWA WOULD JUMP AT THE CHANCE TO COME IN AND DEVELOP THE EAST UOOTENAY COAL FIELDS AT LA SYNCRUDE. DAVIS FORESEES A PROBLEM HOWEVER IN A CANADA FIRST  
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ENERGY POLICY WHICH WOULD RESULT IN LOWER PRICES FOR COAL AND

OTHER

RESOURCESGOING TO EASTERN CANADA THEN FOR EXPORTS. (HE  
REFERRED TO PROPOSED FEDERAL TAX OF 100 PERCENT ON EXPORT PROFITS  
ABOVE FEDERAL GUIDELINES.)

4. SPEAKING FOR HIMSELF, DAVIS SAID HE DID NOT THINK THE  
NDP'S PROPOSED GOVERNMENT-OWNED REFINERY WOULD BE BUILT.

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